

keep the shelter animals healthy and entertained. She also sponsored a community adoption event for animals at the shelter and Pet Harbor and the importance of proper animal healthcare. What an accomplished and caring young woman. The leadership skills Trudy has learned through Girl Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Trudy Rogers for receiving the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

RECOGNIZING PAM BRIER

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader who has worked tirelessly to improve healthcare for residents of Brooklyn and all of New York City.

At the beginning of this month, Pam Brier retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of Maimonides Medical Center. Throughout her illustrious career, Pam has shepherded Maimonides from a community hospital to a state-of-the-art medical hub, a pioneer of integrating technology into medical care.

Pam's achievements are too many to recount. She helped introduce information technology to better care for the chronically ill. She launched a cancer center in Brooklyn, making treatments more accessible in our borough. She worked on securing clothing for homeless patients, and made countless other contributions to New York's health system.

Pam founded the Brooklyn Health Information Exchange, bringing together healthcare providers and social service providers. With support from the state and from a Federal Innovation Award, she encouraged the development of a collaborative model program to coordinate the care of individuals living with serious mental illness and other chronic diseases.

Pam accomplished all of this because of her outstanding personal abilities. I've known her for decades and can tell you she has that rare combination of traits that make for an exceptional leader. She has the perseverance to stay the course during trying times, to evolve her thinking as new challenges arise and a special quality that inspires others to succeed.

During her tenure, Pam made sure every staff member was working together to build Maimonides into the premier healthcare institution it is today. She did all of this, while never losing sight of the fact that healthcare is not just about medicine—it is about caring for people.

Pam has an unwavering commitment to helping cure the sick and provide for those of meager means. I can tell you there was never a moment when Pam did not take the opportunity to advocate for better healthcare. Whether it was a meeting at the hospital in New York or any other occasion—like my birthday—or even hers—she always found a way to work healthcare issues into the conversation.

That tireless advocacy comes from a good place. It is because Pam Brier knows that when it comes to healthcare we are talking about people's lives and she never stopped fighting to improve our healthcare system.

Pam Brier has done much for our community and City. We all owe her a debt of gratitude. Later this month the Maimonides community will come together to salute Pam and wish her well. For now, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Pam Brier on her many achievements and her well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "yes" on rollcall Number 2 (Previous Question); "yes" on rollcall Number 3 (Adoption of the Rule for Reconciliation); "yes" on rollcall Number 4 (Previous Question); "yes" on rollcall Number 5 (Adoption of the Combined Rule for H.R. 712 & H.R. 1155); and "yes" on rollcall Number 6 (Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3762).

IN HONOR OF ROBERT WALTER "BOBBY" DEWS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a respected athlete, coach, author, and family man, Robert Walter "Bobby" Dews. Sadly, Bobby Dews passed away on Saturday, December 26, 2015. A private funeral service was attended by close family and friends.

Mr. Dews was a longtime resident of Georgia and graduated from Edison High School in Calhoun County before attending the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he played baseball and basketball.

As a young man, Bobby Dews was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. He was an infielder on the team for eight years before beginning his managerial career. Mr. Dews eventually returned to Georgia and served as manager, scout, and coach for the Atlanta Braves for over 30 years. In recognition of his successful career in baseball, Mr. Dews was inducted into Georgia Tech's Hall of Fame.

Bobby Dews was not only a natural athlete and baseball enthusiast but also a masterful storyteller, publishing several novels and books of short poetry and prose. After retiring from the Braves, Mr. Dews remained involved in the community and served as the writer-in-residence for Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia, where he had previously received his Associate's degree.

Mr. Dews was truly an asset to the Atlanta and Edison communities and the state of Georgia. A prominent sports figure in the state, Bobby Dews will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing this inspiring mentor and humble friend.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Bobby Dews committed a pro-

digious amount of time and love to service others and shared his own enthusiasm and wisdom in order to better those around him. In life and in death, Mr. Dews has left a lasting impact on all those who he mentored over the years.

Bobby Dews leaves behind his loving wife of 39 years, Glenda; his daughter, Dana; and his grandson and namesake, Robert Dawson Gates. Additionally, Mr. Dews is survived by his sister, stepsister, and two stepbrothers as well as several nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly. He was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Edison, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and my wife, Vivian, in extending our deepest sympathies to Bobby Dews' family and friends during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith in the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PATRICIA "PATTY" SIEGEL

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on December 25th, a beautiful Christmas day in San Francisco, a beloved community leader and esteemed childcare advocate passed away. Patricia "Patty" Siegel was a courageous, passionate and relentless champion for children, who dedicated her life and career to making childcare accessible and affordable for all families. Patty helped lay the groundwork for America's contemporary childcare network.

In 1972, drawing on her experience as a mother, teacher and parent-organizer, Patty founded one of the nation's first childcare resource and referral agencies, the Childcare Switchboard, now known as the Children's Council of San Francisco. For 30 years, Patty served as Executive Director of the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, the first such network in the nation, which empowered her to play an influential role in shaping state and federal childcare policy. Among her biggest achievements was the passage of federal legislation in 1990 creating the Child Care and Development Block Grant, which provides subsidies to low-income families seeking childcare.

Patty served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Care Development and was one of the original state commissioners for the First 5 California Commission that oversees and supports the funding of education, health, and childcare programs for California children under age 5 and their families. With her customary energy and vision, Patty also inspired and guided the development of Parent Voices, a grassroots parent-led effort to engage and empower parents to participate in the policy process.

An early champion of the idea that early education creates long-term cognitive and emotional benefits, Patty Siegel's name is synonymous with the best initiatives giving all children the opportunity to succeed. As we mourn Patty's passing, we know she lives on—in the